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REMARKS

Gilt Edge Mine Site

Enclosed are two 104(e) requests seeking information regarding an ability to pay claim made by CoCo Mines. The letters are directed to CoCo Mines and its parent corporation, Hecla Mining Company.

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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 8**

1595 Wynkoop Street
DENVER, CO 80202-1129
Phone 800-227-8917
<http://www.epa.gov/region08>

Ref: 8ENF-L

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ronald W. Clayton, President
CoCa Mines, Inc.
6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho 83815-9408

Re: Request For Information
Gilt Edge Mine Site, Lawrence County, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Clayton:

This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents relating to the Gilt Edge Mine Site located approximately 4.5 mile^s southeast of the town of Lead in the northern Black Hills of Lawrence County, South Dakota (Site). The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is writing this letter to you because it has information that indicates that CoCa Mines, Inc., may have owned and/or operated portions of property comprising the Site. EPA is currently investigating the nature and extent of contamination and past operations at the Site.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9604, as amended, you are hereby requested to respond to the Information Request set forth in Enclosure 1, attached hereto. EPA seeks your voluntary cooperation in this investigation. Your compliance with the Information Request is appreciated and is required by law. Please provide a complete and truthful response to this Information Request within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter. Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604, authorizes EPA to pursue penalties for failure to meet that deadline or failure to respond adequately. In addition, providing false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

This Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. §§ 3501, et seq.

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Your response to this Information Request should be mailed to:

Sharon Abendschan
U.S. EPA Region 8
Technical Enforcement Program, 8ENF-RC
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, Colorado 80202

If you have any questions relating to this Information Request, please contact Andrea Madigan, EPA Enforcement Attorney, at (303) 312-6904. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kelcey Land, Director
Technical Enforcement Program,
Office of Enforcement, Compliance,
And Environmental Justice

Matthew Cohn, Supervisory Attorney
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cc: Joseph G. Middleton, Esquire



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Hecla Mining Company
c/o Phillips S. Baker, Jr., President and CEO
6500 North Mineral Drive, Suite 200
Coeur d' Alene, Idaho 83815-9408

Re: Request For Information
Gilt Edge Mine Site, Lawrence County, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Baker:

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